

BIG RECORD OF TWO OTTER TRAWLERS

Landed Five Million Pounds in Four Months at Hawkesbury.

An aggregate of five million pounds of haddock hake and cod, taken in four months time is the wonderful record of two of the Grimsby fleet of steam trawlers, which have been fishing off the Cape Breton coast and landing their catches at Port Hawkesbury C. B., and returned home a few days ago. The figures furnish another striking illustration of the thoroughness of the operations of the otter trawl method of fishing in scooping in everything in sight, for while the little boat fishermen were doing nothing, the steamers were reaping the harvest.

Speaking on the subject, the Port Hawkesbury Journal says:

"The steam trawlers Carmantia, Capt. Lawson, and the St. Leonard, Capt. Myers, left on Saturday for Grimsby, England, their home port. They will each secure a cargo of fish in the North Bay en route, which they will ice and take home."

They were given a royal send off on leaving, by the firing of guns, the tooting of the Cold Storage whistle as well as of the steamers in port. The trawlers were handsomely decorated with flags and presented a most pleasing appearance when leaving port.

"The officers and crews of these vessels were a fine lot of men and made many friends in town."

"They fished in the North Bay from August 1 and during the past four months, caught in the aggregate about five million pounds of haddock, hake and cod, which was all landed at this port for the North Atlantic Fisheries, Limited, which contracted to take their total catch. The Cold Storage Co. claim it is imperative for them to have a continuous supply of fresh fish in order to supply their hundreds of customers throughout Canada. During the months the trawlers operate, it is said the shore fishermen do not catch sufficient to supply the demand."

"The genial manager of the trawlers, Harry Dore, leaves in a few days for his home in Grimsby."

BROUGHT FISH DOWN TO SPLIT

Sch. Arethusa Did Not Get All of Her Fare Out at T Wharf.

The only sailing arrival at this port today is sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, which brought down 25,000 pounds of her market fare left over at Boston yesterday which sold to split.

Receipts in the pollock landings by the gill netters still show a falling off, while prices are correspondingly low today. The boats are fishing off the Ridges, Half Way Rock and the Ridges, while one or two have moved to the eastward of Thatcher's. The largest lift yesterday was that of steamer Geisha which had 11,000 pounds. Several fares sold to split.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Randolph, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Alice, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Julia May, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish., 2 large fresh mackerel.
Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Swan, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Venture, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Orion, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Anna T., gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. R. J. Killick, gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Italian boat, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 4300 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Geisha, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Bethulla gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Arethusa, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.
Vessels Sailed.
Sch. Rebecca, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, \$5.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; pers, \$3.50.
Salt trawl bank cod, large, medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.25.
Dory handline cod, \$5 for large for medium; snappers, \$3.50.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, medium, \$4.50.
Georges halibut codfish, large, medium, \$4.50.
Flitch halibut, 10c per lb.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, snappers, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$2.
Hake, \$2.
Pollock, \$2.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.
Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.15; snappers, 75c.
All codfish not gilled, 10c pounds less than the above.
Hake, \$1.40.
Cusk, large, \$2; medium, snappers, 50c.
Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl. for Newfoundland bulk salt, \$3.50 per bbl.
Newfoundland pickled herring, 50c per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 18c per lb. for 14c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large, 30c; small, 25c.

Caught Mackerel in Gill

Mackerel are still on the loose to leave. For the past few days, the gill netting steamer Witch has landed two large mackerel each occasion, which were put the nets off Thatcher's. They are the large variety, measuring long.

Whale Puts Cannery Out of

The pack of the Midnight Steaming Company, amounting to 16 barrels of trout and 16 barrels of salmon bellies, arrived on Dec. 17 on the S. S. Corwin, the vessel, having been caught in a small pack is explained by that early in the season a whale into the spiller of the only whaler and after gorging himself its contents, gave a fluke which scattered the trap and then swam away.

INTERESTED IN THE FISHERIES

Thomas B. Curtis Died at Home at Glace Bay C. B. —Had Relatives Here.

Thomas B. Curtis, brother of Capt. Henry W. Curtis of this city, passed away at his home in Glace Bay, C. B., recently in his 68th year, after a long and suffering illness of complication of diseases.

He was a sober, industrious man and beloved by all who knew him. He was a prominent fish buyer of Glace Bay and was deeply interested in the fisheries here and kept in touch through the Times, of which he has been a reader for many years.

The deceased was a prominent member of the League of the Cross and of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a widow, Mrs. Margaret Curtis of Glace Bay, four sons, William and Lawrence Curtis, formerly of this city, and Jeremiah and James Curtis; one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Hapgood; also three brothers and three sisters. Three grandchildren also survive him.

Trying to Place Blame.

No steps have yet been taken in regard to floating the sch. Premier, says a Yarmouth despatch to the Halifax Chronicle. There is to be an investigation by the underwriters to fix the blame for the mishap. Those interested in the schooner say the slip is to blame, while those interested in the slip say the accident would not have happened had not the superintendent been misinformed as to the vessel's true condition. He was informed that the vessel's keel was all gone, and had arranged his shores accordingly. Instead of that there was about 10 feet of the keel left amidships, and this acted as a pivot, causing her to sway and fall.

Landed Two Sharks.

Two sharks were brought into T wharf yesterday by fishermen from off the Graves. One weighed 175 pounds and the men aboard the schooner Priscilla Smith, which came in with it gaffed it after a desperate struggle. The big fish was sold for \$7.

A 50-pound shark was disposed of for \$4 by the men of the sch. Harriett, which brought it in from off the same grounds.

Big Catches.

Over 100,000 lbs. of cod and haddock are being received daily at the plant of the North Atlantic Fisheries at Port Hawkesbury, C. B. The steam trawler St. Leonard arrived at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., one day last week with 175,000 pounds of cod and haddock. This trawler is high line of the Nova Scotian fleet.—Halifax, N. S., Chronicle.

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OS NICKERSON STRIKES IT RICH

T Wharf On a Fine Market With 70,000 Pound Fare,

Fish receipts dropped off considerably at T wharf, Boston, this morning over yesterday's figures, the market being recorded when the wharf was opened for the day. Frances S. Gruby, Capt. Enos Brown, was on hand with a fine haul for nearly 70,000 pounds, including haddock and cod. The shore market quotations were \$4.50 to \$5.00 for haddock, \$2.25 for market cod, \$2.25 for hake, \$1.50 for cusk, Pollock which have been holding up well several days during the scarcity of grades, dropped to \$1.15 a pound this morning. The receipts were from the Gloucester netters.

Boston Arrivals.

Arrivals and receipts in detail as follows: W. H. Goodspeed, 6000 haddock, 2500 hake. Gertrude DeCosta, 2500 haddock, 1600 hake. Madeline, 3000 haddock, 600 cod, 200 hake. Mary F. Sears, 2000 haddock, 4000 hake. Mary DeCosta, 4000 haddock, 3000 pollock. Sarah, 200 cod. Frances S. Grueby, 45,000 haddock, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt.; large market cod, \$2.25; hake, \$2.25; pollock, \$1.15; cusk, \$1.50.

Yarmouth Fishing News.

Fish exports from Yarmouth last week did not reach the high figure of several weeks before that. They totaled in value about \$25,000. Principal items were 931 boxes of haddock, 1329 packages salted haddock, 129 barrels salted haddock, 63 cases pickled fish, 6 barrels of oil, 40 packages smelts, 16 cases, 189 cases fresh fish, 46 cases, 108 barrels clams. Since the Commissioners' Fish Commission started operations has there been much fish afloat as there is to be seen. The arrivals have been the Digby men Loran B. Snow, Dorothy and Myrtle L., with 15,000, and 10,000 respectively, and the fishing schs. Morning Star, and Pontiac, with 12,000, 5000 pounds. The Dorothy and Pontiac sold to the Consumers'. The Morning Star has not sold and the American Fish will tranship. In addition to these 25,000 pounds have arrived from the south shore; all for consumers. Fish men are now in a position to handle more fish, the ice famine has been relieved by the arrival of a ship from Portland and the ice has been in good shape and the catch has been much smaller than

YARMOUTH SEES COLD STORAGE

Says a Yarmouth, N. S., dispatch in the Halifax Herald: "The town is taking steps to form a cold storage company. The first move was made Friday night by the Board of Trade at a special meeting which was largely attended. Prominent fish men were present and outlined their needs. During the past few months the fresh fish industry has taken a great step in advance. Then we only had an occasional fare landed here and then it would only be because of bad weather or conditions which prevented the vessel from going elsewhere. Now 12 vessels are fishing out of here, landing their fares several times a week. The Nova Scotia vessels sell outright here and the four American vessels which use this harbor trans-ship, but it all provides work. The fleet is growing steadily and bait and ice will be needed constantly. The business men are waking up to it and the Board of Trade appointed a strong committee last night to co-operate with the town council in an effort to get cold storage and artificial ice plants. The town council is holding an emergency meeting at 11 o'clock this morning, to go further into the matter. The Herald also says: "As previously published the schooner Jessie Costa of Boston arrived here this week to fish out of Yarmouth. She lost eight dories en route. An effort was made to get permission from Ottawa to allow her to buy new dories here. As she was not under license this was refused. In consequence of this her owners ordered the captain to take out a license even though it would expire on December 31. He did so at a cost of \$132.50. He has ordered his dories from Shelburne and will soon be ready for fishing."

ALMOST A BLANK AT FERNANDINA

Reports from the fleet of bluefishermen for last week are anything but encouraging, the Times correspondent at Fernandina writes. The weather has been fine, but the catches for the most part have been a failure. At present a fleet of 32 crafts are operating between Savannah and St. John's Bar and the reports received are that there is "nothing doing" in the line of catches. The following arrivals are reported for last week: Sch. Roullette, 1000. Sch. Colonel Austin, no fish. Sch. Thos. F. J. Howlett, no fish. Str. Thelma, no fish. Schs. Monmouth and Juliette have sailed.

Sch. Essex Leaking.

The Gloucester schs. Hiram Lowell and Essex are in port bound to the West Coast of Newfoundland on their second herring fishing trip of the season. The latter craft is leaking and will go on the slip at North Sydney for repairs before proceeding. Herring are reported schooling in large quantities at Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands, and up to date large catches have been made.—Sydney Post.

Dec. 19 FREEZE POLLOCK AT PORTLAND

With close to 70,000 pounds of fish in her hold the fishing steamer Wissoe, formerly a pleasure yacht, owned and operated by Harry K. Thaw, arrived at Portland Wednesday to dispose of her fare to the Central Wharf Cold Storage Co. The steamer attracted a lot of attention, particularly after it was learned that it was formerly the property of the notorious Harry Thaw, slayer of Stamford White. When the craft was used as a yacht she measured 90 feet in length but since she has been placed in the fishing business she has been cut down, although at the present time her length is a feature that will not fail to attract attention. She is narrow of beam and shows speed in her lines. She carries two 70-horsepower engines, which develop about 12 knots. Her big fare consisted wholly of fresh fish, which she had purchased from Gloucester netters and brought to Portland to be frozen.

A considerable quantity of fish was received Wednesday. Among the arrivals were the schooners Albert W. Black with 15,000 pounds, Katie L. Palmer, with 6000 pounds, Wesley M. Sennett with 6000 pounds, Martha E. McLean with 2000 pounds, the sloop Mineola with 4000 pounds and Pontiac with 4000 pounds. The schooner Blanche and Ida was also here with 4000 lobsters. The schooner Bay State from Boston, but which has Portland as her hailing port, arrived in this port yesterday for ice and bait, says the Portland Press of Tuesday. The schooner is one of the largest fishing craft to run out of any New England port, and some idea of her worth is estimated when it is known that her insurance amounts to \$36,000. Her lines are long and rakish, and she carries the 200 horse-power engines. She develops a speed of 11 knots. The schooner is bound for the fishing banks after halibut. According to Capt. Ross, commander of the schooner, it is the intention of the owners to place her in the Pacific fishing business. She will leave the Atlantic as soon as the Panama canal is opened. The following fishing schooners arrived Tuesday at Portland. Schooner Eleanor, with 10,000 pounds; Hattie L. Trask, with 3000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt fish; sloop North Star, with 4000 pounds.

PRICES SLACK OFF A LITTLE

But Still They Are High Enough to Please the Average Trawler.

The fresh fish market at Boston is slackening as generally is the case with the approach of Christmas with fair prices on the best grades of market fish. The arrivals since yesterday numbered just a dozen crafts. The largest are the schs. Flora L. Oliver, 41,000 pounds; Ellen and Mary, 51,000 pounds; Josie and Phoebe, 55,000 pounds and 1800 weight halibut; steamer Wave, 24,000 pounds and 400 weight lemon sole. Wholesalers paid \$4 to \$5.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$4 for large cod, \$2.25 for market cod, \$2 to \$4 for hake, \$1.25 for pollock and \$1.50 to \$2 for cusk. Halibut brought 30 cents a pound right through.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are: Sch. Flora L. Oliver, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 cusk, 1000 pollock. Sch. Ellen and Mary, 28,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 5000 hake, 8000 cusk, 1000 halibut. Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 30,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 8000 hake, 14,000 cusk, 1800 halibut. Sch. Rose Standish, 6000 haddock, 800 cod. Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 1800 cod, 1800 pollock. Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 800 haddock, 1700 cod, 2000 hake, 7000 cusk, 2000 pollock. Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 4000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3000 hake. Sch. Jorgina, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake. Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 2000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake, 1500 cusk. Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 600 haddock, 3500 cod, 600 hake. Sch. Rebecca, 1500 haddock, 700 cod, 2500 pollock. Str. Wave, 20,000 haddock, 600 cod, 400 lemon sole, 3500 pollock. Haddock, \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.25; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2; halibut, 30 cents for white and gray.

Lost 40 Tubs of Trawl.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, Capt. Tony Brown at Boston yesterday afternoon ran into hard luck on her trip out, losing 40 tubs of trawls, while fishing to the eastward. The Oliver brought 41,000 pounds of fresh fish to the market.

Ice Plant for Canneries.

A new feature in the fish business on the Pacific coast is the introduction of ice-making machines to supply ice for keeping surplus fish chilled when receipts are greater than capacity of plants.